

**CENTRAL DISPATCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
March 23, 2021**

Robert Savoie called the meeting of the Central Dispatch Board of Directors to order at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 in the training room of Chippewa County Central Dispatch.

The following board members were present in person: Commissioner Robert Savoie, F/Lt. Rob Allen, Chief Dan Wilcox, and Ray Baker.

Others present: Director Michelle Robbins and Operations Manager Tammy Peyton.

Board members via zoom: Chief Scott LaBonte, Citizen representative Mark Meiners, and Sheriff Mike Bitnar.

Others present via zoom: Dr. Terry Heys and Chief Ron Carrick.

Roll call noted – including zoom. No introductions needed.

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

MOVED by Dan Wilcox and supported by Ray Baker to approve the meeting agenda for March 23, 2021. **Motion carried.**

MOVED by Mark Meiners and supported by Mike Bitnar to approve the meeting minutes of the January 26, 2021 meeting. **Motion carried.**

Revenue and expenditures were reviewed by Director Robbins for January-February 2021. **MOVED** by Ray Baker and supported by Mark Meiners to accept the expenditures of \$16,201.44 with revenue of \$318,399.79. **Motion carried.**

No public comment.

(A) MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS- Board members reviewed the bi-monthly statistical information, which depicts the monthly activity reports. This reporting period was January – February 2021. Director Robbins advised that it's been pretty steady this winter but not the usual amount of snowmobile incidents.

(B) UP 911 AUTHORITY- Director Robbins attached meeting handouts and spoke about the FCC Diversion and allowable /disallowable usage of 911 surcharge funds, along with the resolutions by the UP911 Authority and the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners. Discussion.

(C) VIPER UPGRADE PROJECT- The timeline of our phone processing system upgrade was provided for members, with Director Robbins explaining the servers will be here in Chippewa and in Marquette Counties with the other centers connected remotely. Our center should be fully upgraded by the end of April.

(D) COVID 19 UPDATE- PPE and local vaccination clinic information discussed with the most recent clinic held last week that provided vaccinations to approximately 1,950 people. Ron Carrick advised members that Rite Aid is providing the Johnson & Johnson 'one shot' vaccine and you can contact their pharmacy to schedule. Discussion.

(E) CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS- EMS PROGRAMS- Email correspondence provided in regards to Consolidated Community School Services no longer coordinating or being the fiduciary for the EMS training in Chippewa County. Discussion.

(F) RISING WATERS TTX- Director Robbins advised that there was a table top exercise throughout the state the week of April 15, 2021. Chippewa County participated virtually, via zoom, on April 17, 2021 with 29 participants. It was a good exercise. We had a lot of information shared between local partners and good take-aways from it. Participants provided some great feedback, as well. The Improvement Plan has been submitted the State.

(G) OPERATION STONEGARDEN – FY19 AND FORWARD- Director Robbins informed members that, after years of providing management and administration of this grant, she is working with the Chippewa County Sheriff's Office to turn this over to them. She has a good foundation in place and feels it would be more reasonable for them to manage it.


(H) POLICY COMMITTEE – LAW AND FIRE- Update to the group that we will start sending out information for these committees soon.

(I) OPERATIONS MANAGER UPDATE- OM Peyton gave members an update on staffing: one employee out on extended leave, one resignation to enter the MSP Academy, one part time dispatcher became full time and the two trainees came off of training to part time status. We have a dispatcher that will be attending the CTO program to become our newest trainer. Discussion on hiring. Dispatchers Week is rapidly approaching- it is April 11-17th this year.


Committee Member Comments:

- Discussion on Sault City PD Chief of Police retirement.
- F/Lt. Allen advised their manning levels are down quite significantly. MSP is actively recruiting.
- Chief Carrick informed the group that Bay Mills tribe has been selected, along with Soo Tribe, for the Missing Indigenous Persons pilot program. It should be finalized by mid-April.

MOVED by Ray Baker and supported by Mark Meiners to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m., by Robert Savoie.



Tammy Peyton



Robert Savoie, Board Chairman